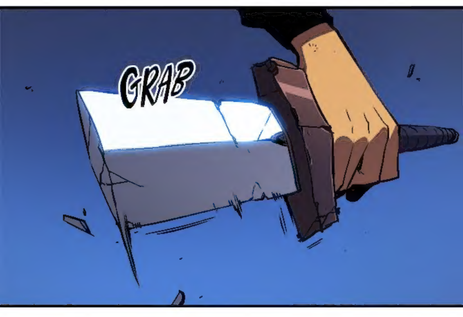


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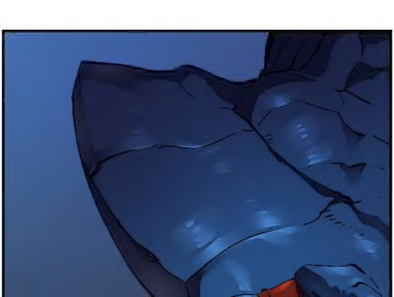
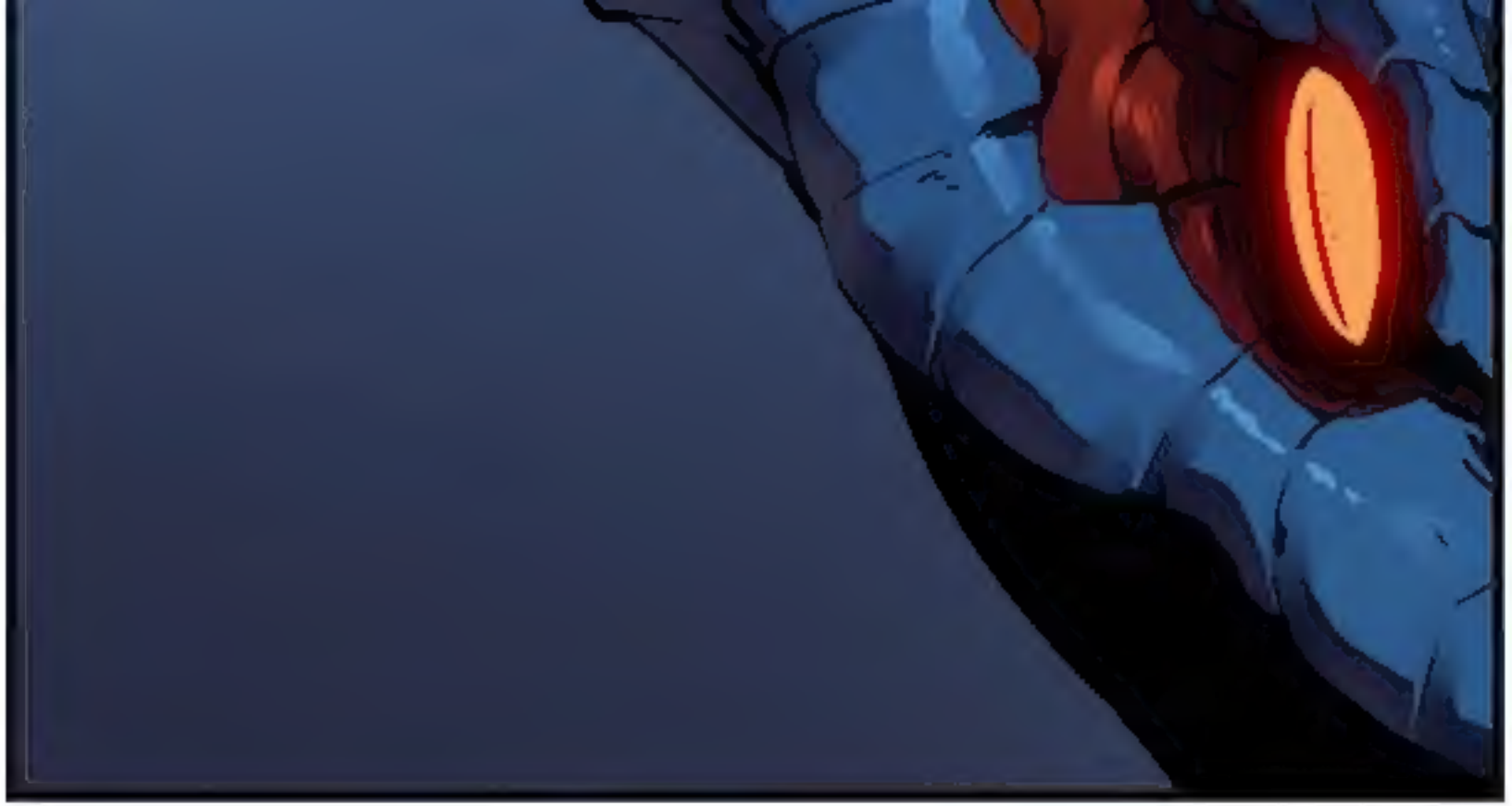
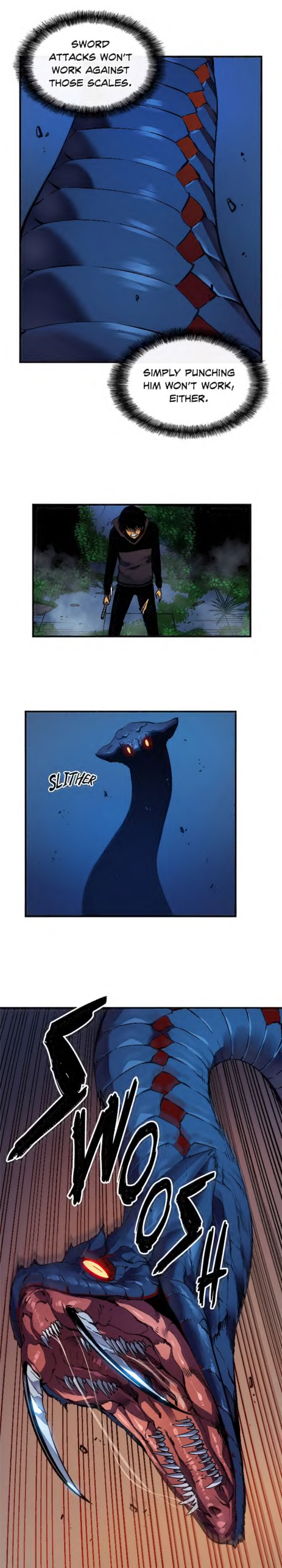
[KING OF THE SWAMP, BLUE VENOM-FANGED KASAKA]






SWORD ATTACKS WON'T WORK AGAINST THOSE SCALES.
SIMPLY PUNCHING HIM WON'T WORK, EITHER.
SLITHER
SWOOSH

IT'S USING SPEED AND ITS OWN BODY WEIGHT TO ATTACK!
SKREEK
I HAVE TO BREAK DOWN ITS DEFENSES WHILE IT'S ATTACKING ME.
THUD
BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CUT THROUGH THOSE THICK SCALES?!

WHAM
WHAM
!!
SLAAAAM
SWOOSH

SKREEEEK

MMPH! I'LL DIE IF I GET A DIRECT HIT!!
SKREEK

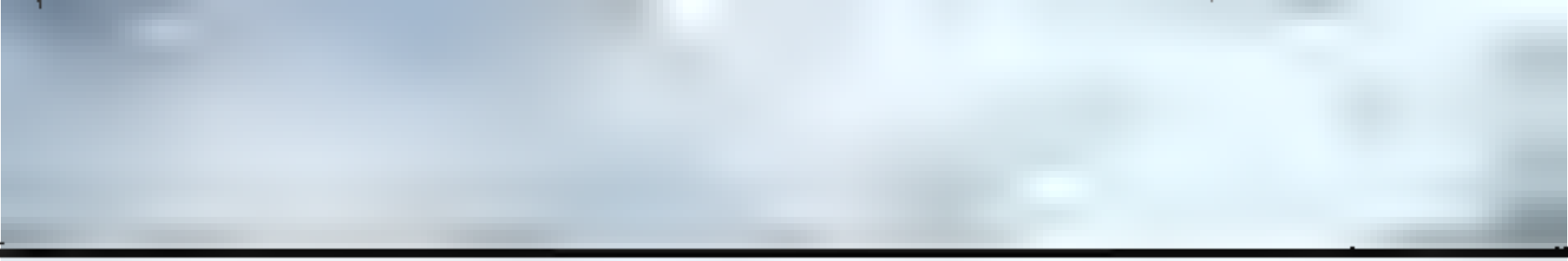
FWIP

SLITHER
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
SLAM
WHACK
THWOCK

ARGH!!
WHAM
WHAM
THUD
I THOUGHT I GOT A LITTLE STRONGER, BUT...
KHOFF
KHOFF
WHAM
SLAM
...WAS THAT NOT ENOUGH...?!
GRAB
HOW MUCH STRONGER DO I HAVE TO GET...

...IN ORDER TO OVERCOME MY PAST?
"THE WEAKEST HUNTER OF ALL MANKIND"?
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S WHAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLING YOU LATELY, SUNG.
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW.

I DIDN'T...
SEEMS THERE ARE PEOPLE IMMATURE ENOUGH TO BE CALLING YOU NAMES.
SINCE THERE ARE RUMORS GOING AROUND AND ALL, USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK HARDER.
PAT
ALL RIGHT.
KREEK
URGH!
SWOOSH

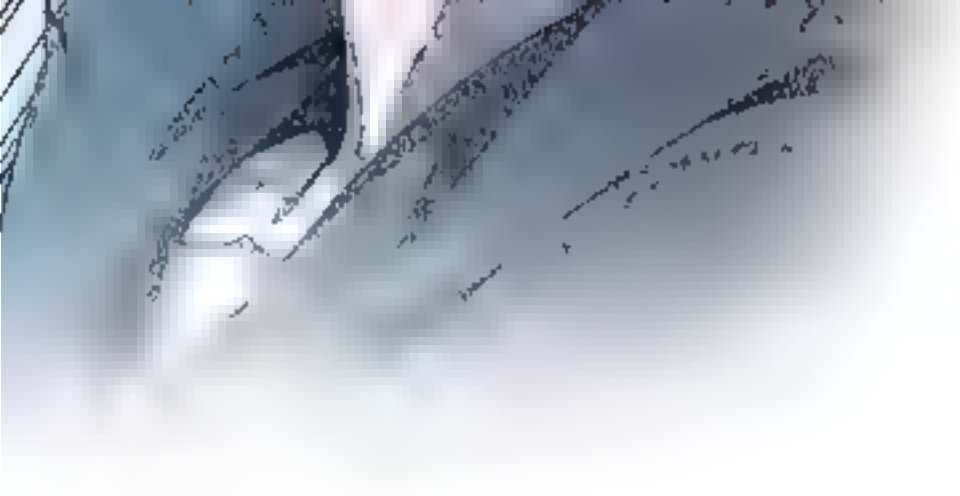


I'M WEAK. THAT'S WHY I GOT THAT NICKNAME...
HAA
HAA

I'M ASHAMED TO BE SUCH A WEAK HUNTER!

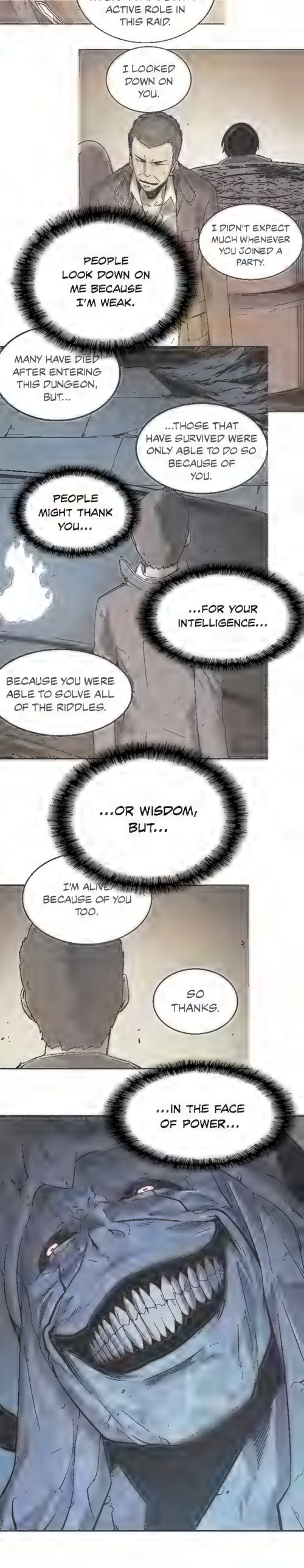
EVEN I THINK I'M PATHETIC...!
CLINK

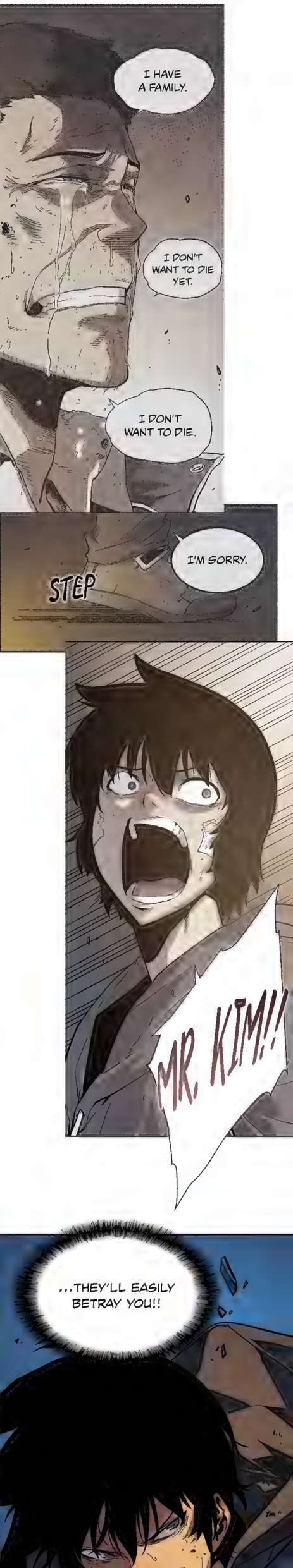
POWERFUL STRENGTH.
OVERWHELMING POWER IS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE PEOPLE BOW THEIR HEADS...
...AND KNEEL BEFORE YOU.
COMING.
I WORK HERE WITH YOU, TODAY AS ALWAYS
YOU MR SONG CHIYUL.
KNA-
OKAY... HAHA.
FAKE HYPOCRISY WON'T PROTECT ME.
EVERYONE, DUCK DOWN!



NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF STRATEGIES YOUR OPPONENTS USE...
...THEY'LL BECOME HELPLESS IN THE FACE OF POWER.
THEY MIGHT ATTEMPT TO STAND UP AGAINST THE TERROR, BUT WILL QUICKLY BE BROUGHT DOWN TO THEIR KNEES AGAIN.

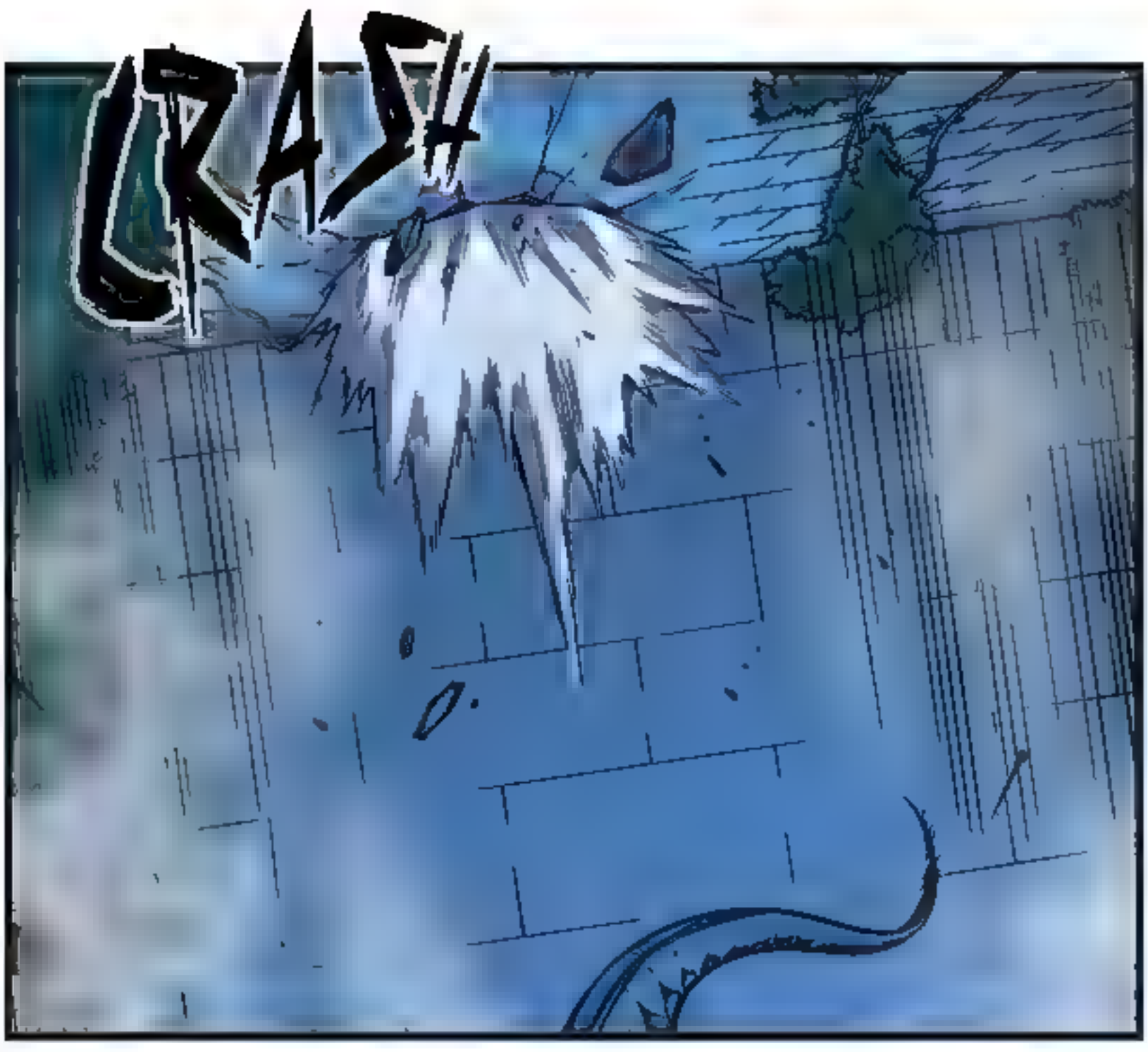
TO BE HONEST, I HAD NO IDEA YOU, THE WEAKEST OF US, WOULD PLAY SUCH AN

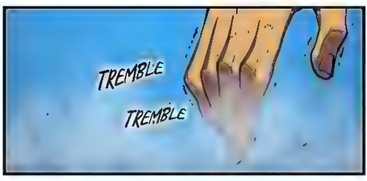

ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS RAID.
I LOOKED DOWN ON YOU.
I DIDN'T EXPECT MUCH WHENEVER YOU JOINED A PARTY.
PEOPLE LOOK DOWN ON ME BECAUSE I'M WEAK.
MANY HAVE DIED AFTER ENTERING THIS DUNGEON, BUT...
...THOSE THAT HAVE SURVIVED WERE ONLY ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF YOU.
PEOPLE MIGHT THANK YOU...
...FOR YOUR INTELLIGENCE...
BECAUSE YOU WERE ABLE TO SOLVE ALL OF THE RIDDLES.
...OR WISDOM, BUT...
I'M ALIVE BECAUSE OF YOU TOO.
SO THANKS.
...IN THE FACE OF POWER...


I HAVE A FAMILY.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET.
I DON'T WANT TO DIE.
I'M SORRY.
STEP
MR. KIM!!
...THEY'LL EASILY BETRAY YOU!!

I MUST BECOME STRONGER.
SWOOSH
I CAME ALL THIS WAY TO BECOME STRONGER.
URGH!

WHAK


CRASH!


TREMBLE
TREMBLE

HUFF
HUFF

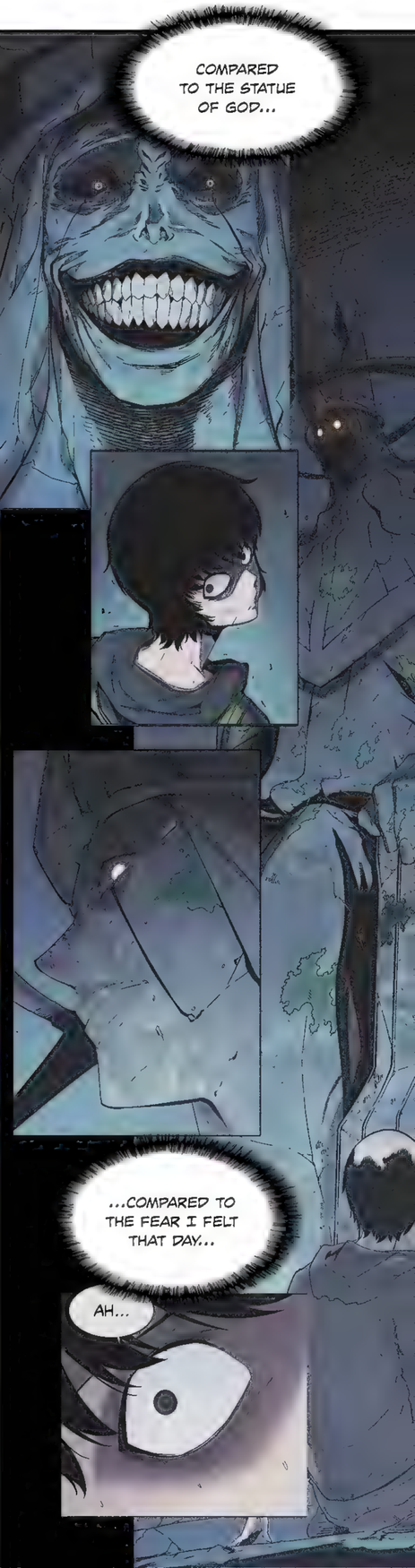
I MUST...
HUFF

I MUST BECOME STRONGER...

SWOOSH

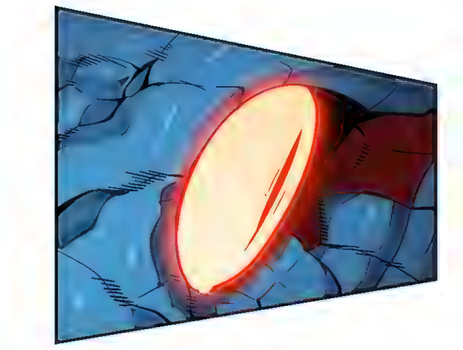
NOT YET...
SWOOSH
TAP

NOT YET!
SKEEK


COMPARED TO THE STATUE OF GOD...
...COMPARED TO THE FEAR I FELT THAT DAY...
AH...

...YOU
DON'T SCARE ME
ONE BIT!
WHOOSH

KREEK

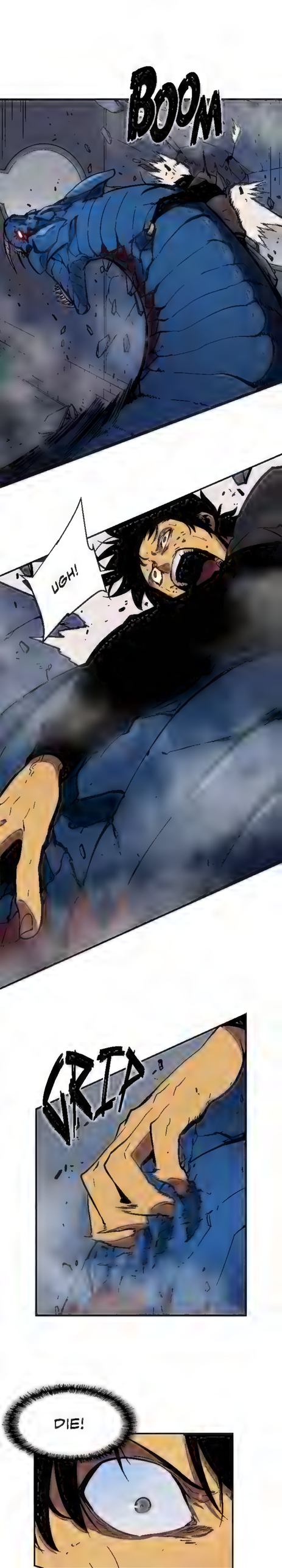


FWIP
CHOMP

HUP!
JUMP

SQUEEZE

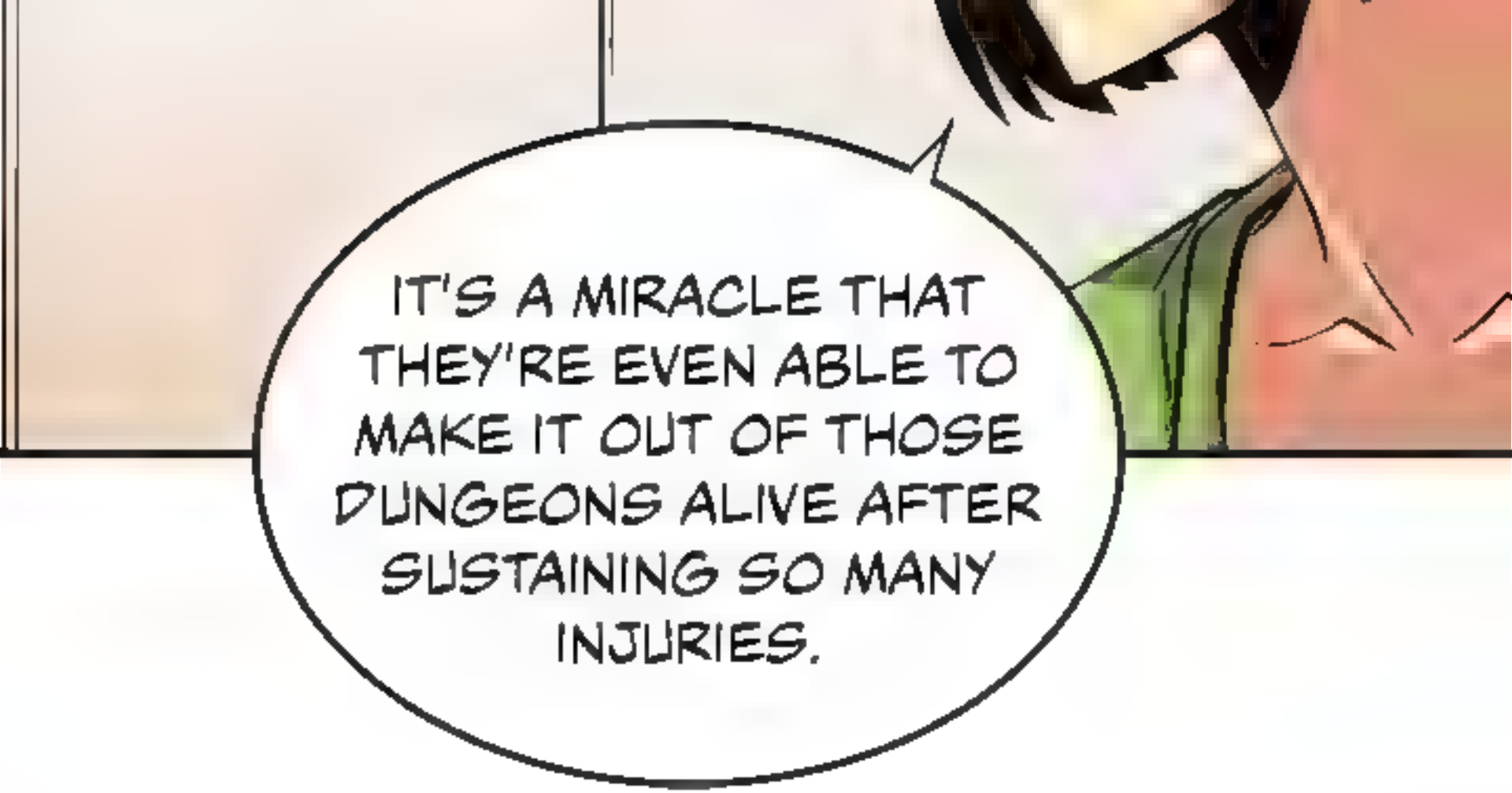
I POURED EVERYTHING INTO MY STRENGTH STATS!
CRACK
I SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH NOW TO...!
KROOOAR
KHUP
KHUP


BOOM
UGH!
GRIP
DIE!

DIE!
KOOAK
DIE!
CRUSH

MR. SUNG JINWOO HASN'T RETURNED YET?
NO. HE LEFT THIS MORNING...
THE SUN SET A WHILE AGO. HE'S STILL NOT BACK?
WELL, HE'S DOING MUCH BETTER AND WILL BE DISCHARGED SOON ANYWAY.
IT'S HARD TO TELL WITH HUNTERS. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
HE SHOULD BE IN HIS ROOM, RECOVERING.

THEY SAY HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS ARE MILLIONAIRES, BUT LOW-RANKING HUNTERS DON'T MAKE MUCH, AND ARE CONSTANTLY IN DANGER...
HMM
I DON'T GET WHY THEY DO IT.
YOU SHOULD SEE THE HUNTERS ADMITTED INTO THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT. IT'S HORRIFYING.
HOW SO?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT GOES ON INSIDE THOSE DUNGEONS, BUT... THE INJURIES THEY SUSTAIN ARE SEVERE.
THEY COME HERE DRENCHED IN BLOOD...
THEY'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE PATIENTS WE NORMALLY GET.
I'M AMAZED THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO SURVIVE UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.


IT'S A MIRACLE THAT THEY'RE EVEN ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT OF THOSE DUNGEONS ALIVE AFTER SUSTAINING SO MANY INJURIES.

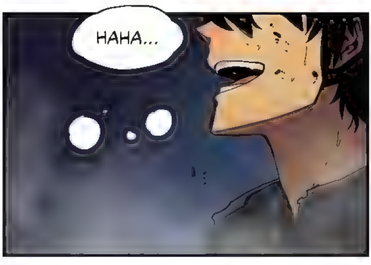
THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.
A WEAK HUNTER IS STILL MUCH STRONGER THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON.

THEY MAY LOOK NORMAL, BUT THEY'RE MONSTERS INSIDE.

NOTICE
LEVEL UP!
LEVEL UP!
LEVEL UP!

HAA
HAA

HAA
HAA...


HAHA...

HAHAHAHA...

I GUESS...
...THIS MEANS I'VE BECOME...

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NOTICE

[YOU HAVE DEFEATED THE KING OF THE SWAMP, THE BLUE VENOM-FANGED KASAKA.]

[ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM GLAND]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A

TYPE: POISON

A POUCH CONTAINING REFINED VENOM FROM KASAKA. UPON DEFEATING KASAKA, YOU HAVE A SLIM CHANCE OF OBTAINING THIS ITEM. DRINKING THIS VENOM WILL MAKE YOUR SKIN TOUGH, BUT YOUR MUSCLES WILL BE PERMANENTLY DAMAGED DUE TO THE POISON.

-EFFECT "KASAKA'S IRONCLAD SCALES": 20% LESS PHYSICAL DAMAGE

-SIDE-EFFECT "MUSCLE DAMAGE": -3% STRENGTH

[ITEM: KASAKA'S VENOM FANG]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: C

TYPE: DAGGER

ATTACK: +25

A DAGGER MADE FROM KASAKA'S VENOM FANG. KASAKA'S VENOM STILL REMAINS WITHIN IT, THUS CAUSING PARALYZATION AND BLEEDING WHEN USED UPON AN OPPONENT. YOU MAY STORE THIS ITEM IN YOUR INVENTORY, OR SELL IT AT THE SHOP.

-EFFECT "PARALYZE": THE OPPONENT WILL BE PARALYZED AT A CERTAIN RATE.

-EFFECT "BLEED": THE OPPONENT WILL LOSE 1% HEALTH EVERY SECOND.

To Be Continued...

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